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TRADE TREATY WITH RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had signed a trade treaty with Russia on February 6, 2002 for increasing bilateral trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such treaty would help to promote export of tea, tobacco, wheat, rice etc. to Russia; and

(d) if so, upto what extent?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) : No trade treaty was signed on February 6, 2002 between the Government of India and the Russian Federation. Instead, Protocol of the Eighth Session of the Indo - Russian Working Group on Trade & Economic Cooperation held on February 5-6, 2002 was signed on the aforesaid date. This Protocol reflects the discussions held on various issues of bilateral interest for promoting trade between the two countries. Discussions were also held on measures required to be taken for promoting export of tea, tobacco, wheat, rice etc. to Russia. However, it is not possible to quantify the extent to which these measures would help to increase the export of these commodities, which will be largely determined by market forces.